

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 5/2/04 and 11/30/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3-16,18-31 and 33-35.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1, 3-16, 18-31 and 33-35 are presented for examination.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with David Zibelli on 11/30/2004.

On claim 13, line 1, "2" should be changed to -1-

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1, 3-16, 18-31 and 33-35 are allowable.
4. The present invention is directed to an scheduling system by which a user may manage scheduling and attendance of a meeting. Meeting attendees may be notified if the user will be late for the appointed meeting. The closest prior art are:

Conmy et al.(US 6,101,480) discloses receiving a response from an attendee of the meeting, the response changing the time of the appointment is clearly disclosed in Conmy, col. 9, lines 27-28; col. 11, lines 39-42 and col. 12, lines 2-9 which states that "Invitees may accept the event invitation, decline the invitation, **propose another event time**, or delegate a substitute to attend"

Jones et al. (5,400,020) discloses notifying persons of the impending arrival of a transportation vehicle, such as a bus, plane or fishing vessel (col. 1, lines 5-10).

Tognazzini (5,790,974) discloses receiving map information from a mapping database to adjust travel distance (Figures 4B-4C).

Publication titled, "briefs" by Carol Levin and Melissa Perenson discloses An scheduling agent, an automated process that delivers meeting information to users and automatically updates meeting status and calendars.

Phillip (EP 0 329 911 A2,) discloses a method for scheduling meetings. A meeting scheduler selects a desired time and date for a meeting and based upon the selection of the scheduler, a meeting notification is sent to each of the attendee.

With respect to independent claims 1, 16, 18 and 34, the closest prior art, Conmy and Jones are not combinable to teach "**meeting status information indicates if the user will be late for an appointment, and automatically generating an attendee**

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notification message is performed when the meeting status indication information indicates that the user will be late for the appointment”.

With respect to independent claims 19, 29, 30 and 31, the closest prior art, Conmy, Jones and Tognazzini fail to teach **“receiving user location information and determination if a user being late based on the location information”**

The claims meet the 101 requirements for being in the technological arts because the step of receiving information from a user about an appointment and the generating of an attendee notification is performed using scheduling unit 300 (page 5, lines 13 to page 6, lines 1-12 and page 7, lines 14 to page 8, lines 1-6).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

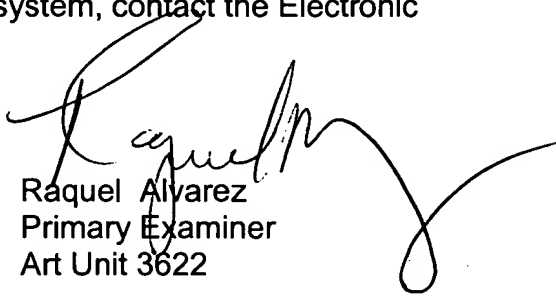
Points Of Contact

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Raquel Alvarez whose telephone number is (703)305-0456. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00-5:00.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eric w Stamber can be reached on (703)305-8469. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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